

LCBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
 JANUARY 25, 2022  
 BOLLER CONSTRUCTION  
 3045 W. WASHINGTON STREET  
 WAUKEGAN IL 60085  
 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00

2. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Jim Belli	President	x	
Josh Boller	Vice President	x	
Scott Farrell	Education	x	
Tom Miceli	Director (Web)	x	
Frank Moriarty	Past President	x	
Perry Plescia	Treasurer	x	
Nancy Scott	Secretary	x	
Peggy Williams	Director	x	
<b>Guests</b>			
Karen Belli		x	
Brittany Boller		x	

2. Secretary's Report

**A motion was made by Josh Boller and seconded by Perry Plescia to accept the December 2021 Board Minutes. The motion passed.**

- It was decided that we would put the approved LCBA Board Meeting minutes on the website starting with the January 2022 Board meeting.
- In January the Board will approve the January board minutes via an email so that they can be put on the website ASAP.

3. Treasurer's Report

- We currently have about \$13,500 in our account.
- By mid-January 68 people had paid their membership fees.
  - Last year 136 total members.
- Perry will send a monthly treasurers report to Board members.
- Perry will post an end of the year treasurer's report to the members.

4. Committee Reports

a) Newbees:

- Frank is going to create a written monthly agenda for the Newbees and share it with the Board.
- The Board discussed ideas for the Newbees

- First session needs to be indoors. It is usually in February. Frank will check with the Bank to see if it is available any Saturday in February. (There are other Banks that we might meet at)
- We usually have a Newbee session in March on how to install bees.
- Check with members at the February meeting to see if anyone is interested in hosting a Newbee session at their apiary.

## 5. Old Business

### a) Facebook

- There are two public Facebook pages for the Club.
- Nancy will research how to combine the two public pages
  - Both pages are business pages and they are managed differently than friend pages.

## 6. New Business

### a) Zoom Meeting

**A motion was made by Frank Moriarty and seconded by Perry Plescia that the LCBA meetings be held only in person.**

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of meeting via zoom, meeting via zoom and in person, and meeting in person.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### b) Future Meeting Topics

- Perry reminded the Board that they had previously approved spending up to \$1000 on a speaker without going to the Board. Anything above that \$1000 would need to be approved by the Board
- We have the following speakers lined up:
  - February: Mike Conner. He will be discussing trees that help bees. We are paying him \$125. Jim is going to discuss using pollen traps. Because Mike is coming from Michigan, we are going to have him speak first and then do the business part of the meeting last.
  - March: Chris Saad will be talking about profitably running a bee business
  - Other ideas:
    - Phil Craft
    - Strong Microbials
    - Chris Warner
    - Petra on soaps in fall
    - Botanic Garden for bee habitat
    - June: have a meeting at someone's bee yard and go out to dinner afterwards
    - Open question and answer panel (May)
    - August Picnic

- A larger multi-speaker day that we join forces with a couple of other beekeeping groups in the area (NIBA, etc)

c) Waukegan Park District

- Jim has been in discussion with Waukegan's Friends of the Park who have a grant for \$6000 to put into a project. The Waukegan Park District has been given three sites that they want to bring back as pollinator habitats. Jim would like to see the Club become involved with mentoring. Right now they are in the conception phase.

d) Additional Comments

- A member asked about getting an emailed weekly digest. The Board felt that once a month was enough.
- Fair:
  - We are hoping that there will be a Lake County Fair this year.
  - Peggy coordinates our booth at the Fair. Our booth is part of the Ag in the Classroom event at the Fair.
  - We need to make sure the State covers us at the Fair with the Liability Insurance.
  - Peggy will contact the fair about whether they are planning to have a fair in 2022.
  - We will start asking for volunteers in April. The Club needs about 45 volunteers to run our booth.
- Perry asked if the Club should get a credit card. After some discussion the Board decided that we do not need a credit card.
- 501C3: Nancy will again begin working on converting the Club from a 501C7 organization to a 501C3 organization. The 501C3 category allows us to get donations for educational events.
- Membership: Our membership has been stable since 2019. Given Covid this is good. The Board discussed different ways to advertise our meetings (garden clubs, libraries, park districts).
- The Google Group and Member Facebook page will have 2022 nonpaying members culled from the list on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Josh shared a draft budget. He will send it out to the Board for comment.
- We have 2 extractors that are not being used. The Board decided to auction off the extractors and other extraction items at the picnic in August. There is a concern about spreading diseases. If someone wants to rent an extractor, they can rent one from Harvard Eggs and Feed.
  - We have one electric extractor and one manual extractor: two decapping bins, filtering screens and buckets.
- Newbee question & Answer session at the beginning of meeting:

- We will have a question-and-answer session at 6:30 at monthly meetings.
- Frank will announce that this session is taking place in the smaller conference room
- Frank can put the Newbee signup table in the small conference room.
- At least one of the Board members needs to be in the small conference room to answer questions.
- Karen will make a sign to indicate where the small conference room is.

#### 8. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Frank Moriarty and seconded by Perry Plescia to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.**

Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Scott  
Secretary

Minutes approved by Board February 1, 2022